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SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' ARRIVAL IN ATHENS

1. ATHENS NEWS MEDIA HAVE REPORTED PROMINENTLY FOR LAST TWO DAYS SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IN ATHENS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE ARCHBISHOP WILL ARRIVE ON LUFTHANSA FLIGHT FROM FRANKFURT AT 1320 HOURS AND WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY PM CARAMANLIS, CABINET MEMBERS, POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS, ARMED FORCES CHIEFS AND NUMEROUS FRIENDS. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT ARCHBISHOP WILL IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO CONSTITUTION SQUARE AND DELIVER SPEECH FROM BALCONY OF GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL WHERE HE USUALLY STAYS IN ATHENS. SPEECH REPORTEDLY WILL REFER TO ORIGINS OF CYPRUS CRISIS, PAY TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF TURKISH INVASION, MENTION ASSISTANCE FROM GREECE AND CLOSE GREEK/CYPRIOT COOPERATION, AND WILL SEEK FULL "PAN-ETHNIC" UNITY, CONCLUDING WITH EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT FROM FRIENDLY NATIONS IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. ON SUNDAY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT POLYTECHNION TO PAY HOMAGE TO VICTIMS OF NOVEMBER, 1973 UPRISING

2. PREPARATIONS FOR MASS GATHERING AT CONSTITUTION SQUARE

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TO LISTEN TO MAKARIOS' ADDRESS ARE UNDER DIRECTION OF

UNION OF CYPRIOTS IN GREECE. BANNERS CALLING ATHENIANS
TO RALLY IN CONSTITUTION SQUARE ARE FLYING AT UNIVERSITY
AND SQUARE ITSELF. LARGE PHOTOS OF ARCHBISHOP ARE DISPLAYED
PROMINENTLY IN TOWN. ACTING PRESIDENT CLERIDES' TRAVEL
PLANS TO ATHENS HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED BRIEFLY.
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